

We claim:

1. A computerized method of information retrieval comprising:
providing a computer displayable document having searchable content;
marking said document, with a marking device, as being a relevant
5 document;
storing said relevant document in a user defined data structure; and
conducting a search of a number of said relevant documents using a search
engine to identify documents with a desired searchable content;
selecting, using a selection device, the documents identified as having said
10 desired searchable content, and displaying said selected document.
2. A computerized method as claimed in Claim 1 wherein a visible document is
displayed, and said computerized method is operated by accessing a traditional
computer, a PDA, an Internet enabled cellular phones.
3. A computerized method as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said document is an
15 Internet web page, a word processor document, a spreadsheet, e-mail or a database
file.
4. A computerized method as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said document is
stored in a fashion so that said searchable content is maintained so that a copy of an
original image can be restored, or an updated image can be displayed.
- 20 5. A computerized method as claimed in Claim 4 wherein said document is
stored together with a file location and name, and/or with a URL addresses specific
for said document.
6. A computerized method as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said document is
stored on said user's computer, a local storage device, a remote storage device, a
25 network storage device, an Internet storage device, or an Application Service
Provider storage device.

7. A computerized method as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said searchable content and/or said relevant content includes text, highlighted text, notes, annotations, summaries, or attachments.
8. A computerized method as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said user defined data structure includes a database of stored documents.
9. A computerized method as claimed in Claim 8 wherein the relevant content of said database was created by, or is accessible by, said user, and wherein access to said relevant content is controlled by a permission based authorization system.
10. A computerized information retrieval system comprising:
a computer having a display for displaying documents having searchable content;
a marking device for marking document as being a relevant document;
a storage device for storing said relevant document in a user defined database; and
a search engine operatively connected to said computer for conducting a search of a number of said relevant documents in order to identify documents with a desired searchable content;
a selection device for selecting and displaying the documents identified as having said desired searchable content.